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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/30/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/23/02
BRO-FRY	154,490	155,461
LT HENS	1,949	1,977
HVY HENS	1,293	1,407

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEKS ENDING 16-Mar-02 & 23-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
HEAD	258	357	0	0	258	357
LAST WEEK	482	258	0	0	482	258
SAME WK YR AGO	636	501	10	7	646	508
TO DATE 2002	3,936	4,293	20	20	3,956	4,313
TO DATE 2001	6,106	6,607	66	73	6,172	6,680

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
HEAD	1,894	2,169	1,363	1,360	3,257	3,529
LAST WEEK	2,116	1,894	1,319	1,363	3,435	3,257
SAME WK YR AGO	2,477	2,454	1,328	1,403	3,805	3,857
TO DATE 2002	23,466	25,635	14,168	15,528	37,634	41,163
TO DATE 2001	26,434	28,888	14,036	15,439	40,470	44,327

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	151,624 (A)	1,812	1,360	3,172
AVG WT	5.13	3.37	7.80	5.27
LAST WEEK	153,229	1,636	1,363	2,999
SAME WEEK YR AGO	150,141	1,953	1,396	3,349
AVG WT	5.06	3.30	7.85	5.19
TO-DATE/2002	1,830,776	21,342	15,508	36,850
TO-DATE/2001	1,794,462	22,281	15,366	37,647

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.5 million head or 0.8 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING March 16, 2002**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	26,705	29,710	47,559
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.79	6.15
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	29%	46%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	36,452	23,580	46,874
AVG WEIGHT	3.84	4.79	6.13
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	22%	44%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	29,392	27,981	40,701
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.82	6.08
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	29%	42%
TO DATE/2002	350,439	260,657	514,458
TO DATE/2001	350,765	285,437	474,115

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,795	2,682	52	10	4,539
AVG WT	16.13	35.30	24.61	29.46	27.58
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,772	2,620	53	5	4,450
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,967	2,805	37	10	4,819
AVG WT	16.60	34.88	26.20	27.20	27.34
TO-DATE/2002	20,783	31,346	511	104	52,744
TO-DATE/2001	23,134	31,747	453	195	55,529

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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